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**Regarding Marina County Water District's Petition to Delete the Southern
Monterey Bay Discharge Prohibition Zones from the Basin Plan**

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 79-06

Resolution Regarding Marina County Water District's
Petition to Delete the Southern Monterey Bay Discharge
Prohibition Zone from the Basin Plan

WHEREAS, The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, (hereafter Regional Board), adopted the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin (hereafter Basin Plan) on March 25, 1975, pursuant to Section 13240, et. seq. of the California Water Code and,

WHEREAS, The Basin Plan was reviewed and approved by the California State Water Resources Control Board and the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and,

WHEREAS, The Basin Plan prohibits waste discharges to the southern extreme of Monterey Bay, inshore from an imaginary line extending from Point Pinos (36°-38.3' N., 121°-56.0' W.) to the mouth of the Salinas River (36°-44.9' N., 121°-48.3' W.), effective July 1, 1983, and

WHEREAS, the Marina County Water District discharges treated wastewater to the southern Monterey Bay prohibition zone, and

WHEREAS, in April, 1979, Marina County Water District challenged the southern Monterey Bay prohibition zone, as contained in the Basin Plan, and waste discharge requirements and enforcement orders based on this prohibition, and

WHEREAS, during a public hearing on June 18, 1979, the Regional Board received testimony and reconsidered factors which prompted prohibition zone establishment, including:

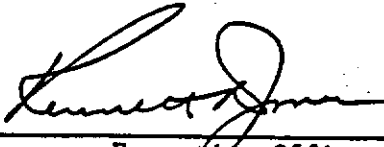
1. Weak ocean currents and sluggish circulation
2. High ammonia concentrations and nutrient build-up
3. Adverse affects on designated Areas of Biological Significance
4. History of beach contamination
5. Importance of water-contact recreation and marine habitat
6. Projected wastewater flow increases
7. Political, social, and economic concerns, and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Regional Board finds the following:

1. The establishment of the southern Monterey Bay prohibition zone in the Basin Plan was appropriate, based on information available at that time.
2. Data available since Basin Plan adoption supports the southern Monterey Bay discharge prohibition.

3. Amendment of the Basin Plan with respect to the southern Monterey Bay discharge prohibition zone is unwarranted.

I, Kenneth R. Jones, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, on June 18, 1979.



Executive Officer